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SUBJECT: GOS INTEREST IN TRAINING SINGAPORE A-4 PILOTS IN NEW ZEALAND

1. ACTING NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER DAWSON TOLD DCM APRIL 29 THAT GOS HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN POSSIBLY OF HAVING SINGAPORE A-4 PILOTS TRAIN IN ZEALAND. HE INDICATED GOS HAD ONLY RECENTLY SOUNDED OUT GNZ ON THIS MATTER, AND COULD NOT FURNISH ANY DETAILS.

2. COMMENT: IN OCTOBER 1975 EIGHT RNZAF A-4'S CAME TO SINGAPORE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR AIR EXERCISE. IN VIEW OF THIS PREVIOUS CONTACT IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT GOS HAS BROACHED POSSIBILITY OF SENDING THESE A-4 PILOTS TO NEW ZEALAND FOR FURTHER TRAINING. EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GOS HAS DECIDED TO EXPLORE THIS OPTION IN EVENT ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN TRAINING IN THE PHILIPPINES FALL THROUGH. IF GOS DOES SUCCEED IN OBTAINING A-4 TRAINING IN PHILIPPINES, IT MIGHT THEN DECIDE TO PROPOSE OCCASIONAL GOODWILL EXCHANGE OF A-4 SQUADRON WITH RNZAF FOR TEMPORARY PERIODS.
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